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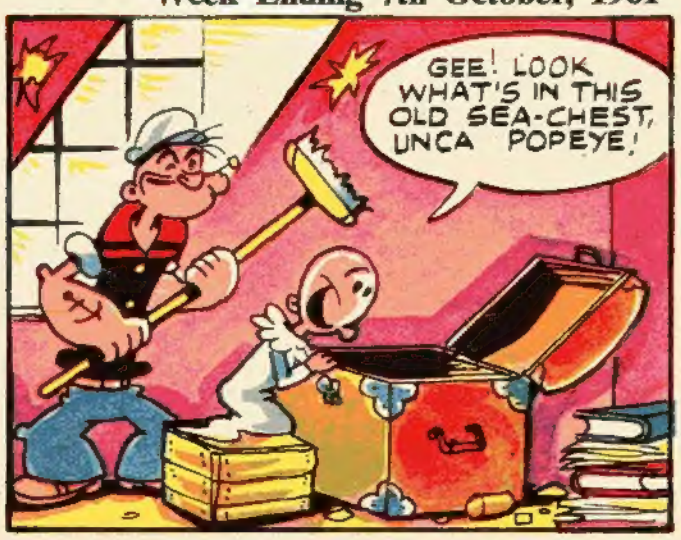

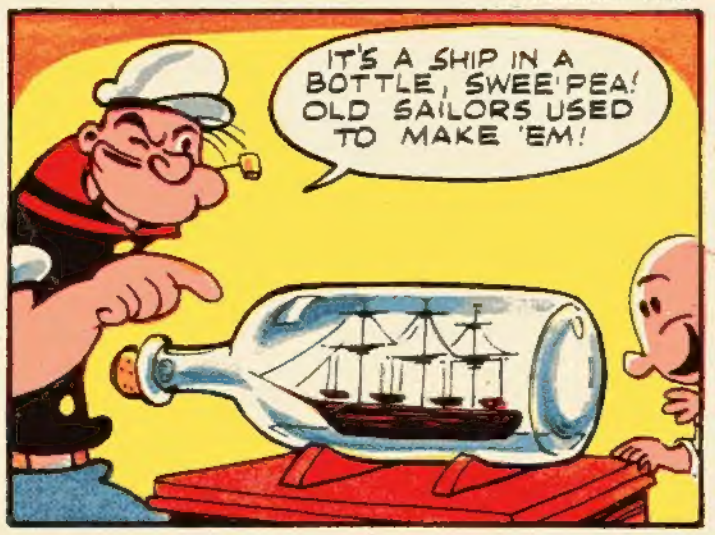

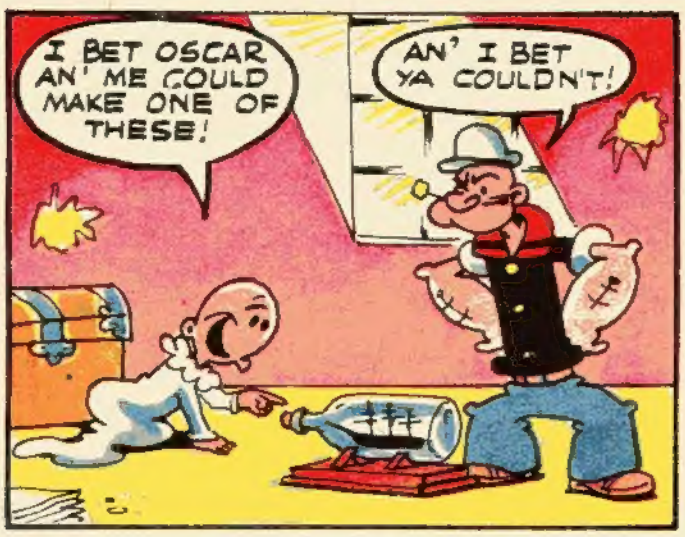

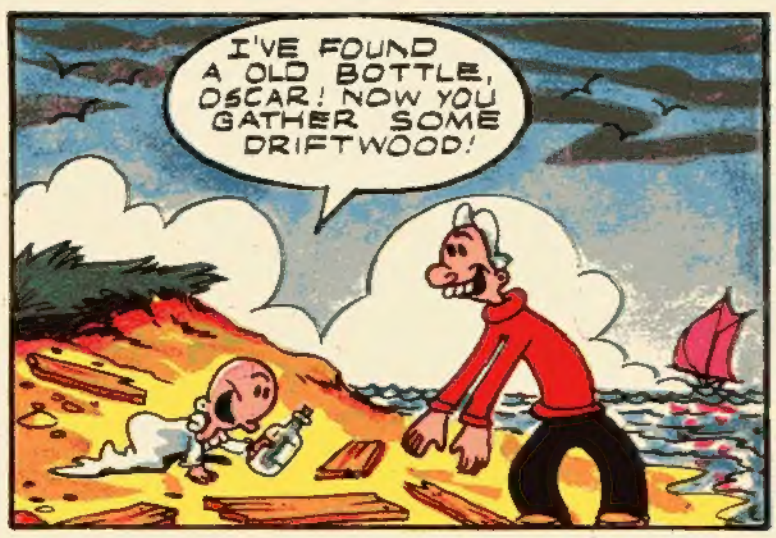

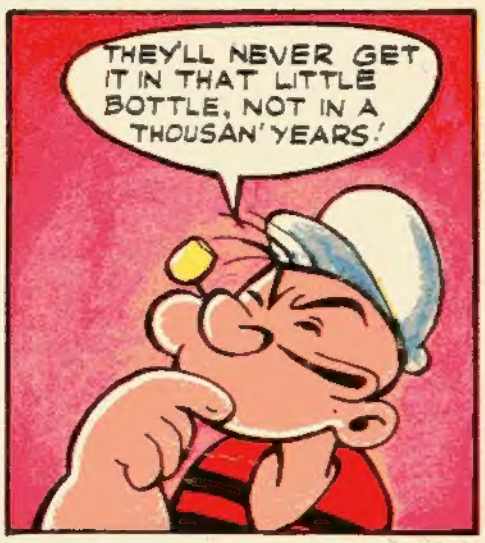

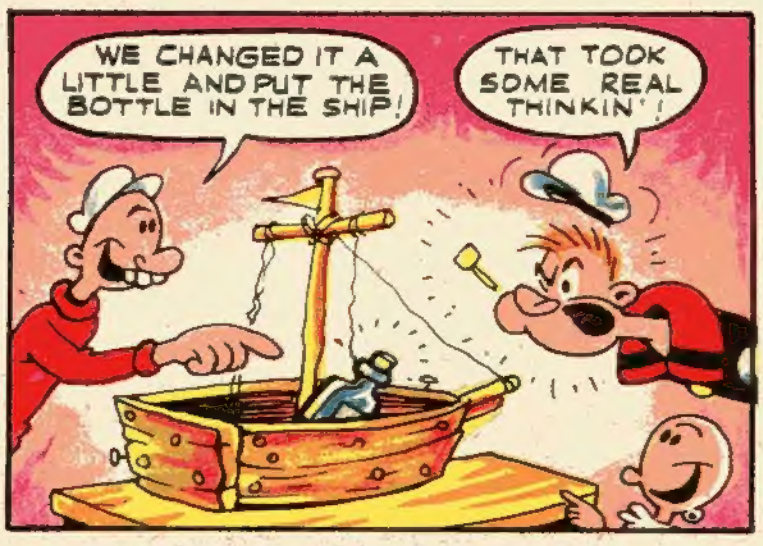

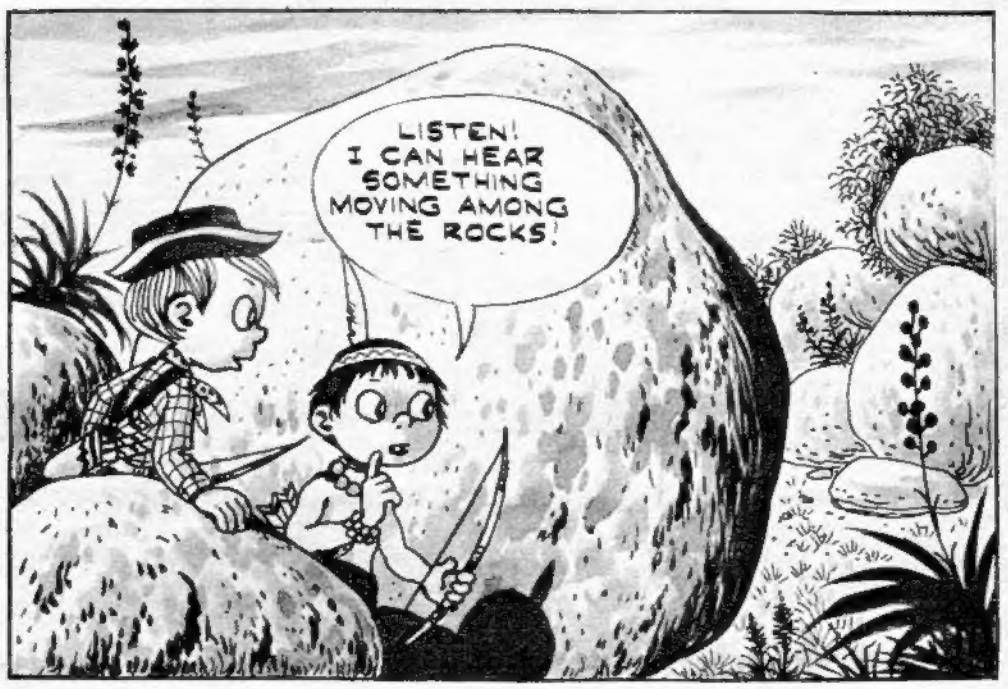

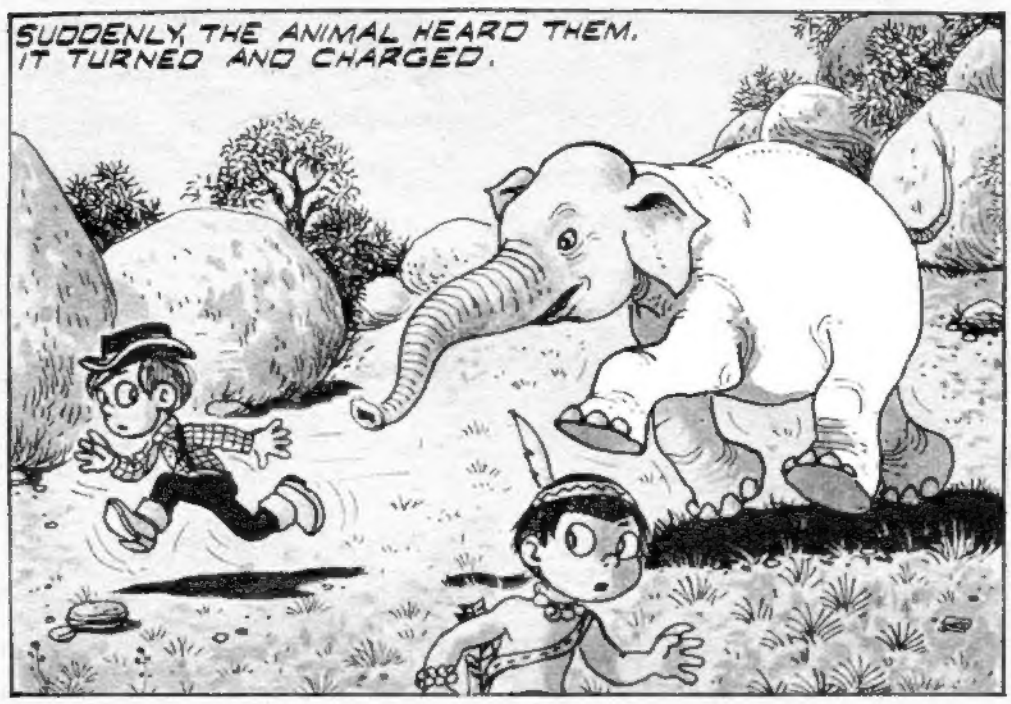

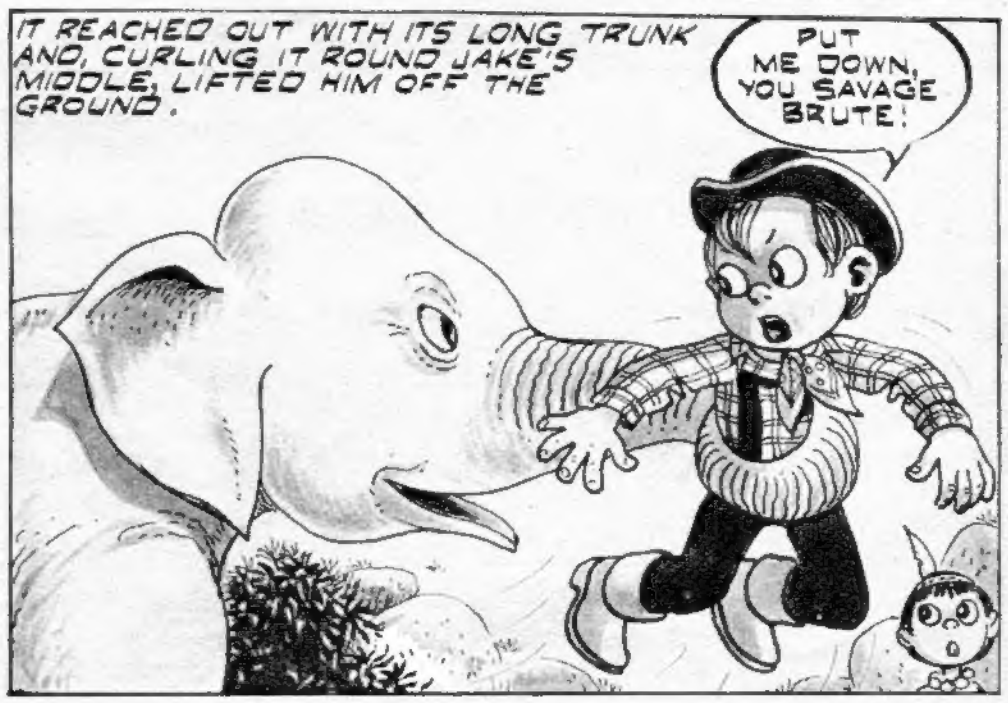
IT REACHED OUT WITH ITS LONG TRUNK AND, CURLING IT ROUND JAKE'S MIDDLE, LIFTED HIM OFF THE GROUND.
PUT ME DOWN, YOU SAVAGE BRUTE!

Adapted from Granada's Television series "Four Feather Falls."

JAKE WAS AMAZED WHEN IT SWUNG HIM HIGH OVER ITS HEAD AND LOWERED HIM GENTLY ON TO ITS BACK.

WHY, HE'S TAME!

JAKE WAS RIGHT. UNKNOWN TO HIM, TEX TUCKER HAD PUT UP NOTICES AROUND THE DISTRICT TELLING ABOUT THE ELEPHANT.

LOST!
DAPHNE
A TAME CIRCUS
ELEPHANT
A REWARD OF
$20 WILL BE
PAID TO ANYONE
RETURNING HER
TO THE CIRCUS OR
TO THE SHERIFF
OF
FOUR FEATHER FALLS

WHAT IS AN ELEPHANT, PEDRO?

I DO NOT KNOW UNTIL I SEE ONE. BUT WHEN WE DO WE GET ZE REWARD!

LATER...

LOOK, FERNANDO THAT MUST BE ZE LOST ELEPHANT!

BUT IT HAS BEEN FOUND, PEDRO!

WE WILL DISMOUNT AND TAKE ZE ELEPHANT FROM ZE BOYS, THEN WE WILL GET ZE REWARD!

FIRST WE GET STICKS TO DRIVE ZE ANIMAL TO FOUR FEATHER FALLS!

THEN...

DRIVE IT AGAINST ZE ROCK, FERNANDO!

SI, PEDRO, THEN WE UNSEAT ZE BOYS, EH?

DAPHNE THE ELEPHANT DID NOT LIKE BEING WHACKED WITH STICKS. SHE PICKED UP PEDRO WITH HER TRUNK. FERNANDO FLED.

THE ELEPHANT DEPOSITED PEDRO ON TOP OF A HIGH ROCK.

NEVILLE MAIN

JAKE RODE THE ELEPHANT BACK TO FOUR FEATHER FALLS.

NICE HUNTIN', JAKE! WHAT'S MORE, YOU LADS GET TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD FOR YOUR CATCH!

MEANWHILE...

BUT, PEDRO, IF IT IS TOO 'IGH FOR YOU TO JUMP DOWN YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER ELEPHANT!

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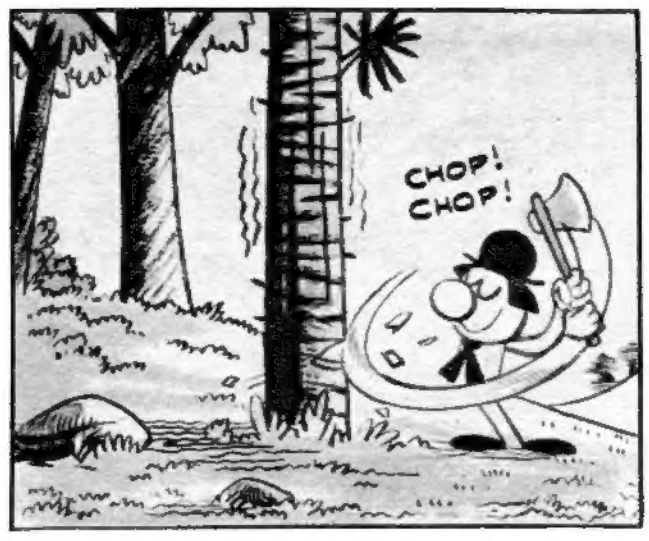
Do not miss next week's TV COMIC for another 'Four Feather Falls' adventure!

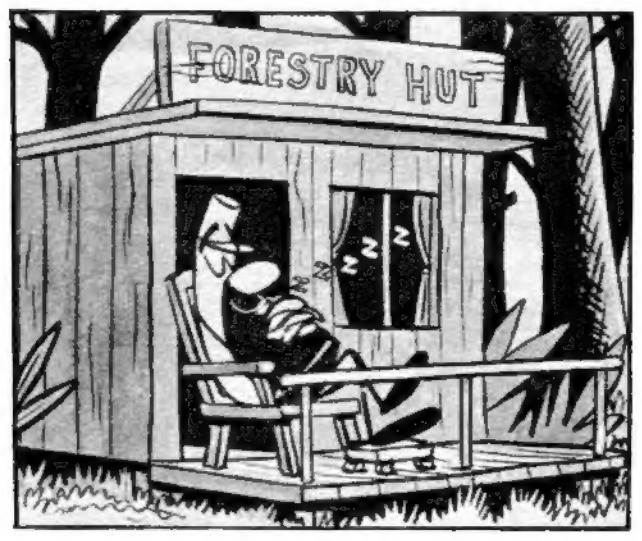
FOO FOO

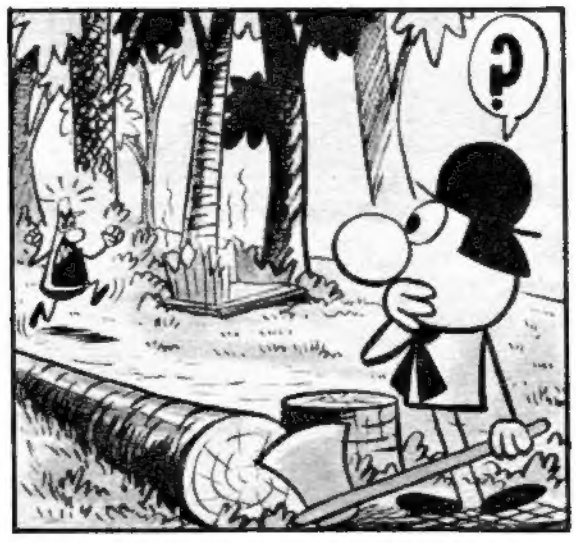
with GOGO in

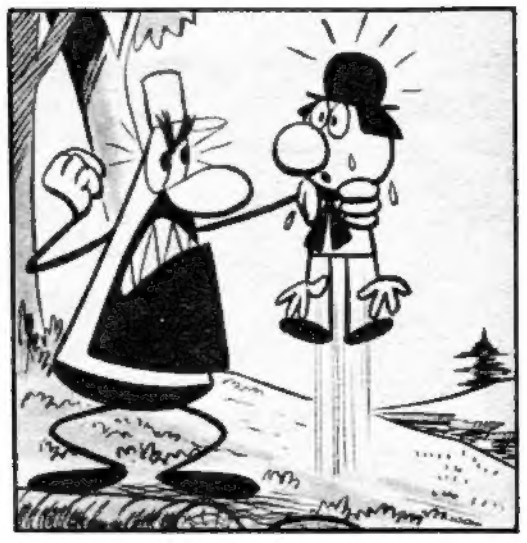
WATERLOGGED!

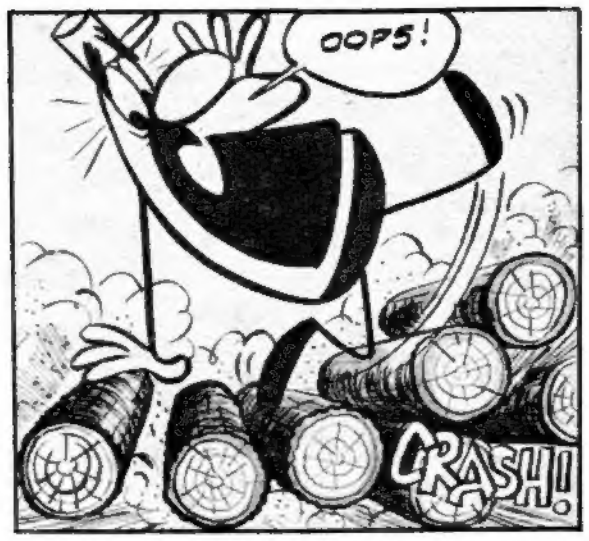
by Halas & Batchelor











Adapted from ABC Television's series "Foo Foo."

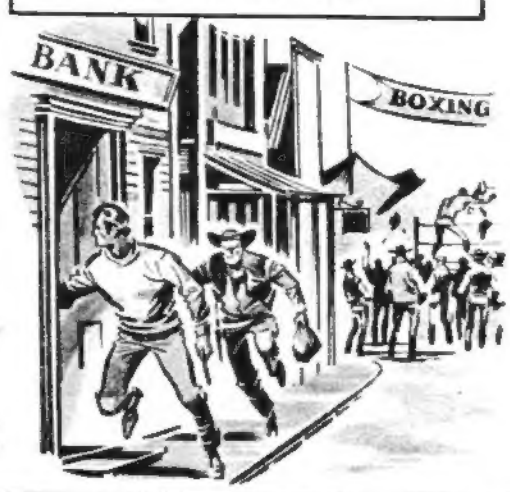
Next week: The Handyman!

THE RANGE RIDER

Lafe Roscoe was due to box against the State champion, Rufus Webb. Then Grant Soper, a crooked gambler, kidnapped Lafe so that he would win a lot of money.

Meanwhile, in Silverload, the Range Rider was persuaded to take Roscoe's place.

Webb's manager took advantage of the deserted shops and stores. His men walked in unhindered and robbed them all.

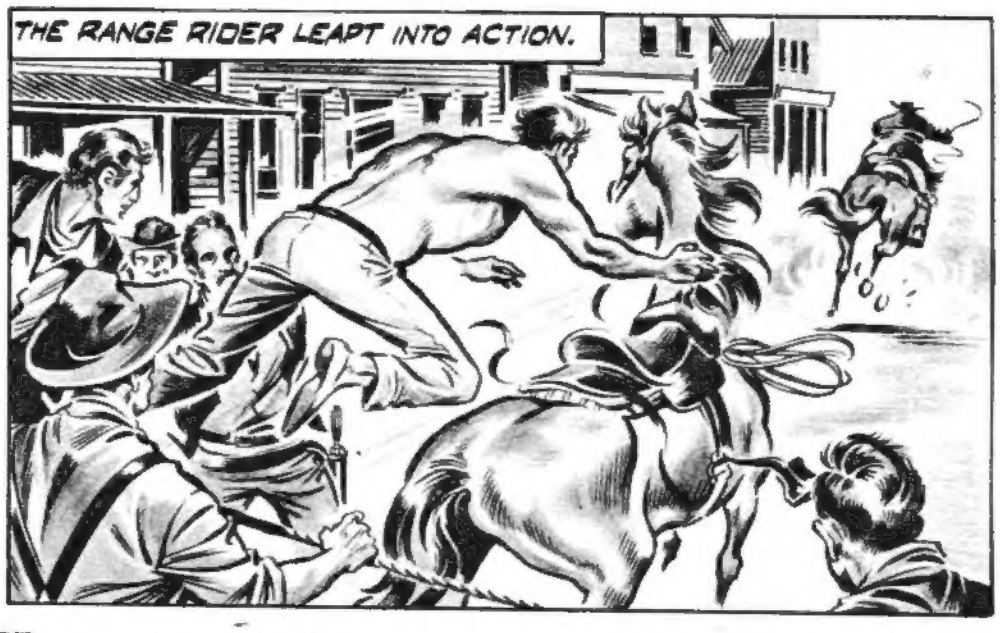


THE RANGE RIDER WAS TAKING A BEATING.

HOW LONG DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY ON FOR, BOSS?
KEEP IT GOING FOR ANOTHER FIFTEEN MINUTES OR SO, RUFUS. THE BOYS HAVEN'T BEEN TO ALL THE STORES YET.

BUT THE RANGE RIDER HAD ANOTHER JOB TO DO... FIND LAFE ROSCOE.

THE RANGE RIDER LEAPT INTO ACTION.



MORE NEXT WEEK!

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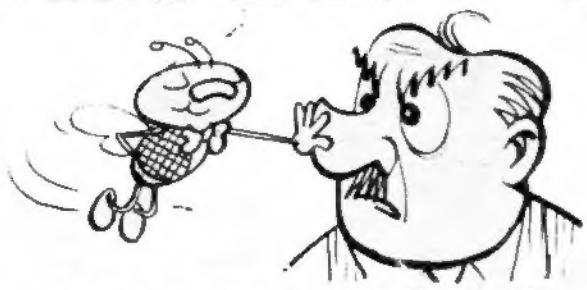
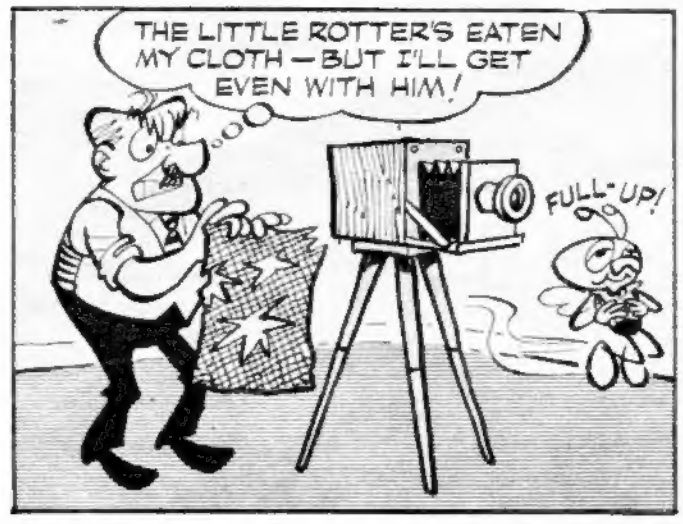
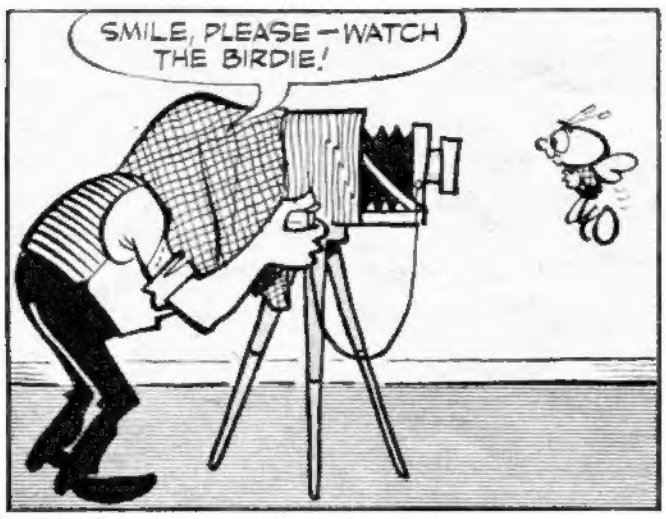
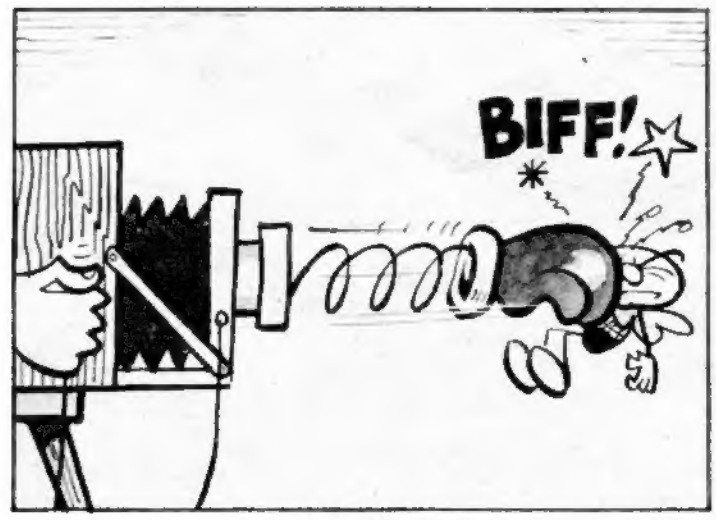
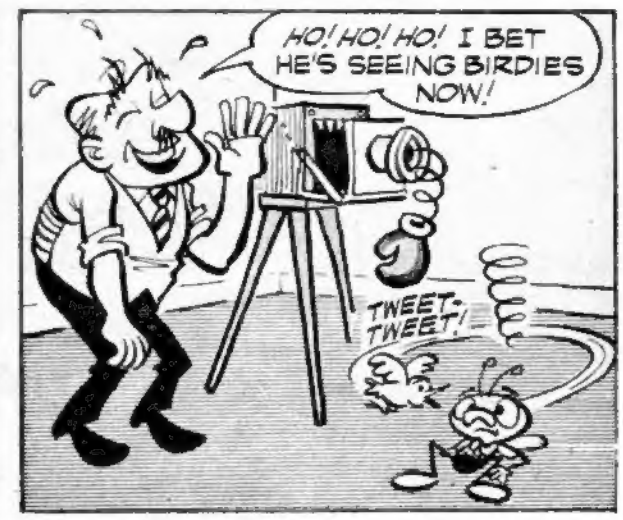
MIGHTY MOTH

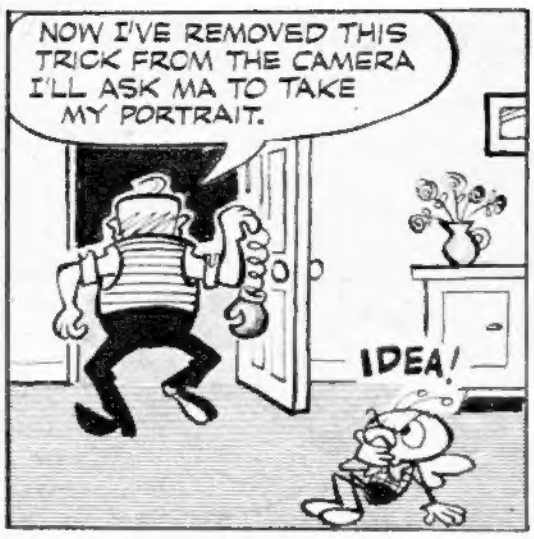


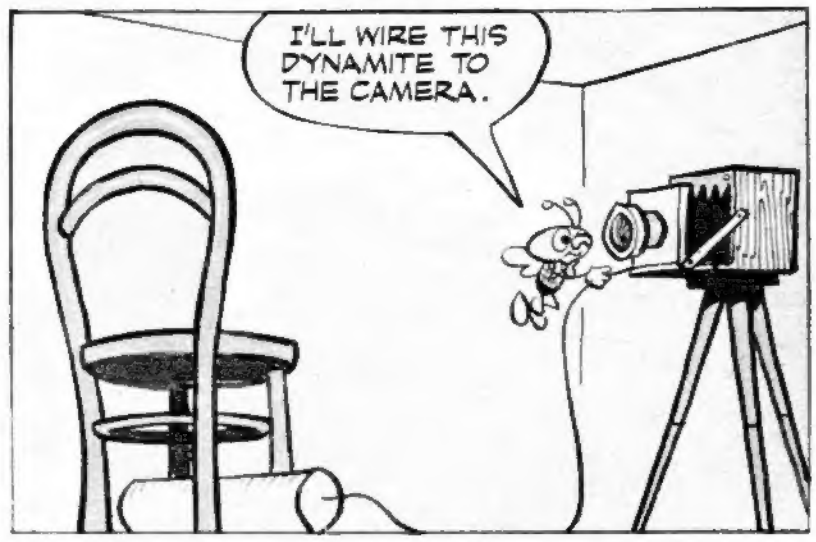








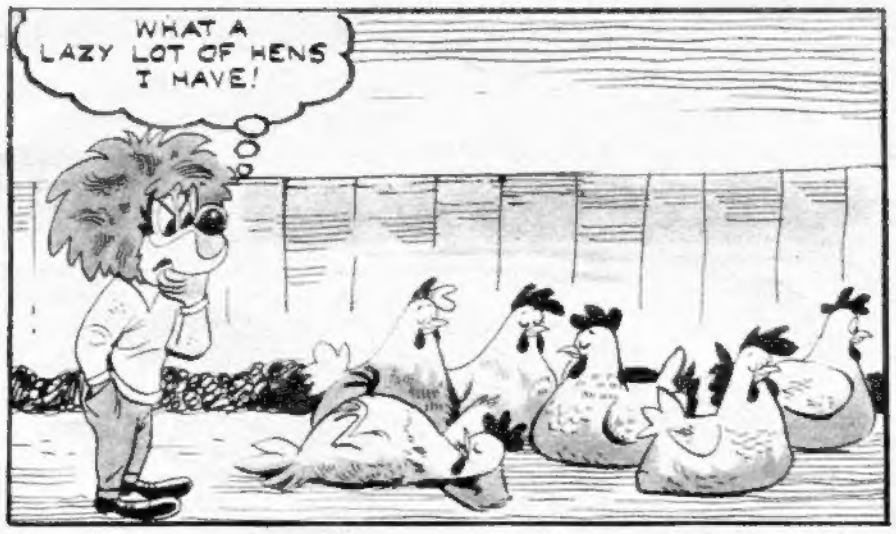


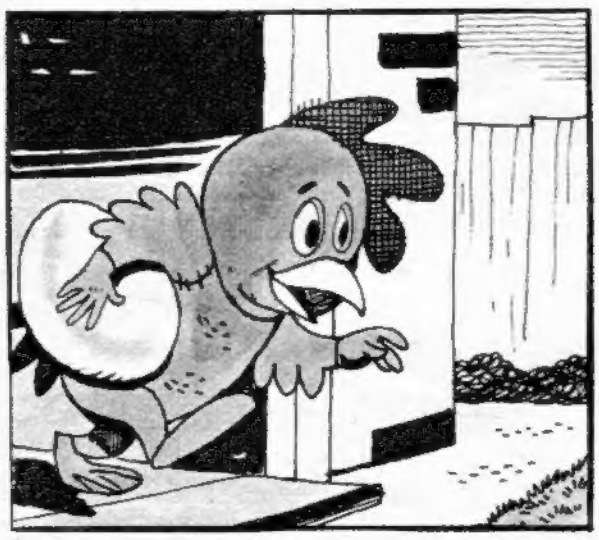


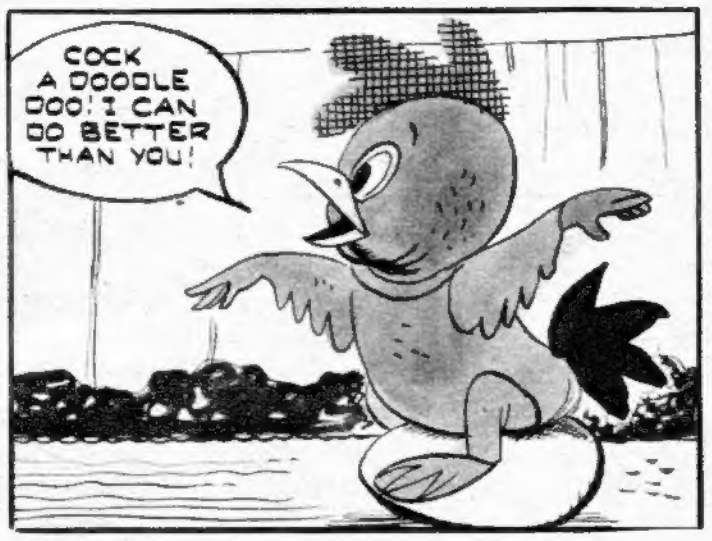
Next week, Mighty Moth is tied to the stake!

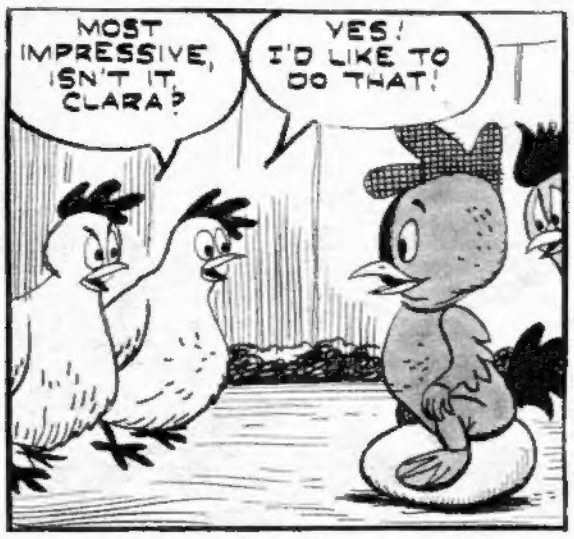
TERRY HALL'S

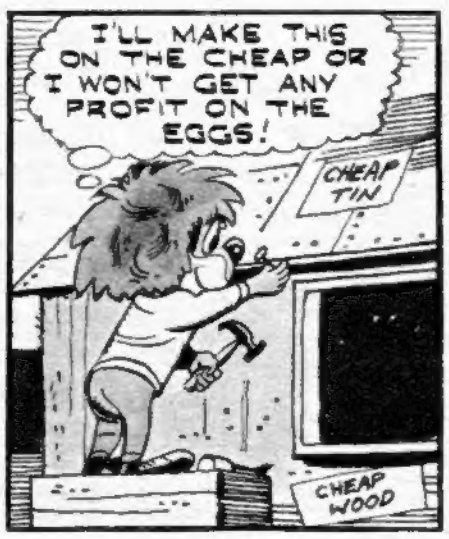
Lenny the Lion

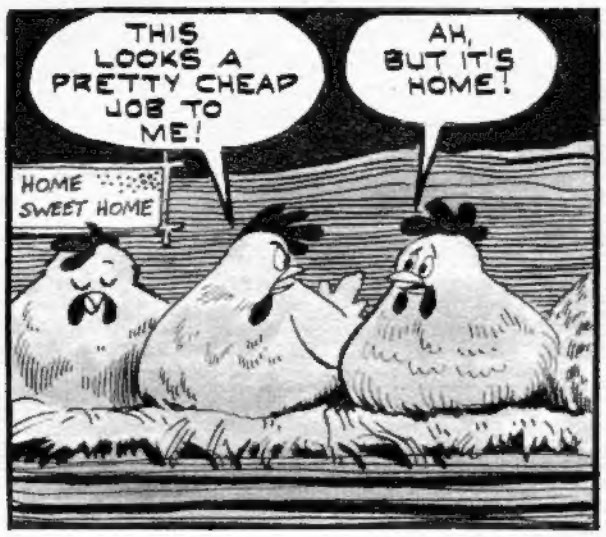


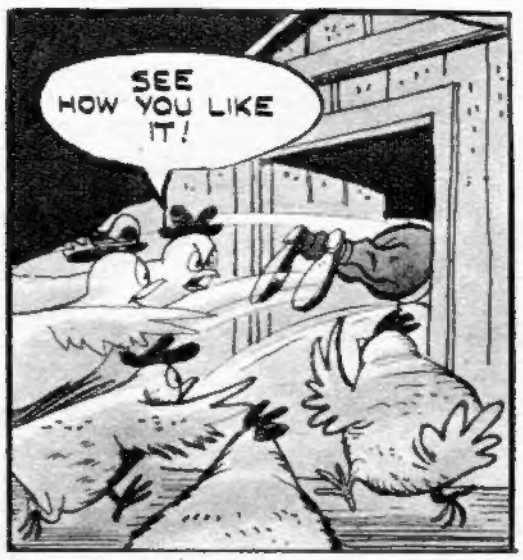


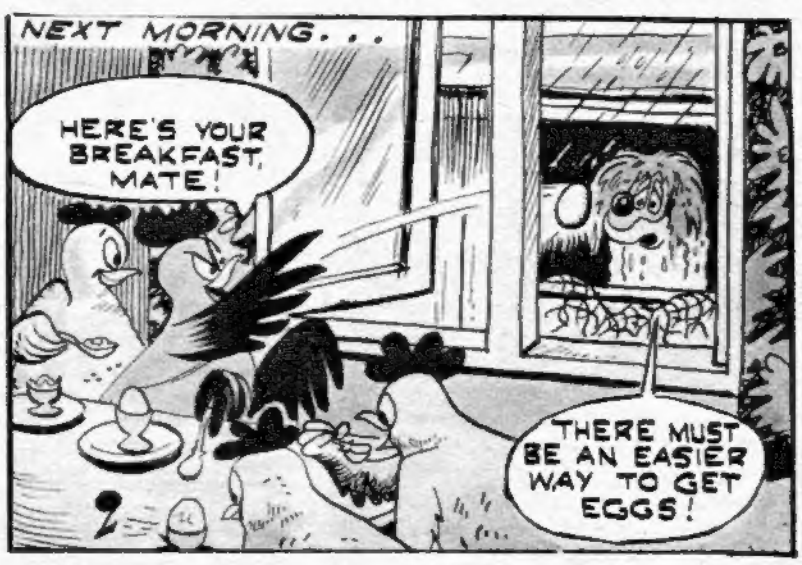












Next week, another hilarious Lenny story!

MASTERSPY and Zarin have captured Dr. Beaker to get his blueprints for a new atomic submarine. Mike Mercury and Supercar are in hot pursuit, but then Masterspy drives off the main highway.

THAT'S FUNNY! THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM... GUESS THAT SAUNDERSON SPECIAL MASTERSPY STOLE IS FASTER THAN I THOUGHT!

AS SUPERCAR PASSED OVER THE BARN, MASTERSPY PEEPED OUT...

THAT IS GOOD! WE HAVE GIVEN HIM THE SLIP. NOW GET THAT CHAIN OFF, FRIEND ZARIN, AND WE WILL LEAVE!

I'VE GOT TO.. AH.. DO SOMETHING TO ATTRACT MIKE MERCURY!

MOST SATISFACTORY! MIKE WILL HEAR THE CAR HORN!

STOP HIM, YOU FOOL!

BUT HOW, MASTERSPY?

IT'S FANTASTIC! IT'S TREMENDOUS! IT'S—

SUPERCAR

IT FLASHES ACROSS THE SKY—IT ZOOMS THROUGH WATER—IT SPEEDS OVER LAND! IT'S THE MARVEL OF THE AGE!

Based on the A.P. Films Ltd., and Associated Television Ltd., series "Supercar".

THAT'S COMING FROM THAT BARN BACK THERE!

HE'S COMING BACK! GET INTO THE CAR. DON'T BOTHER WITH BEAKER. WE HAVEN'T TIME!

MY WORD! THEY ARE IN A HURRY!

AH.. BE CAREFUL, PILOT, WE'LL CRASH!

JUMP IN, DOC. WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM. THAT SPORTS CAR IS DUE TO GO ON ITS RECORD RUN SOON!

AND.. EH.. THEY STILL HAVE MY.. AH.. BLUEPRINTS!

MASTERSPY OPENED THE THROTTLE OF THE POWERFUL SPORTS CAR AND REACHED THE MAIN ROAD.

TO THE GRAND CANYON

WE CAN LOSE THAT INFERNAL MACHINE ON THE CANYON TRAILS!

MIKE FOLLOWED AFTER THE SAUNDERSON SPECIAL... AND SOON THEY REACHED THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON. THEN...

MEVIN

THE LUCKY SUPERCAR CLUB LICENCE NUMBER THIS WEEK IS: 12,225! *Apply for your prize noww!*

Will SUPERCAR hit the rock? More thrills next week!

ANIMAL CARE

Grahame Dangerfield tells you how to look after your pets.

THIS WEEK: HEDGEHOGS

About Your Pet

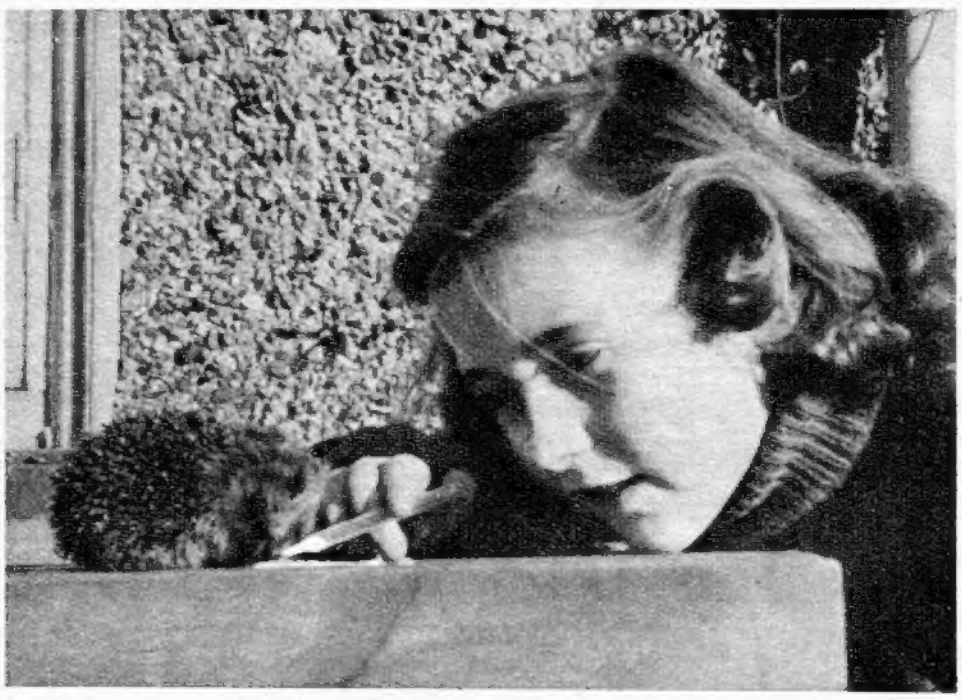
UNLIKE the domestic pets we have discussed over the past few weeks, the Hedgehog is a completely wild animal. For this reason I cannot recommend it as a pet, unless of course you intend to keep it seriously, and study its behaviour.

If you do take one on as a pet, remember that you are putting a wild creature into prison, as it were, for the rest of its days. So please give it a VERY LARGE PEN.

Many people keep Hedgehogs in rabbit hutches. This is very cruel, although a rabbit hutch on the ground in a large pen is an ideal home for a Hedgehog.

There must, of course, be a hole in the hutch furthest from the nest box, through which the Hedgehog can walk out into the pen.

Unlike the other pets I have told you about, there is probably not so much chance of your getting a Hedgehog just when you want one.



This young pet is being fed with a glass tube. The diet of a Hedgehog is varied and quite easy to supply.

So, for the first time in this series, I *cannot* strongly recommend that you have the run ready in advance, as you cannot first build the run and then go off and buy your pet.

If you do get a Hedgehog though, it is no problem the very next day to get a roll of wire netting and build the pen.

Remember also before you put a Hedgehog in captivity that it is a nocturnal animal, that is to say it is only active at night, and that you will see little of it unless you go out into the garden at night with a torch and watch it.

Housing

IF you have a walled garden, then you do not need a cage or a pen. Hedgehogs cannot climb walls or jump them, and you can put out food for them from time to time, but the rest of the time they will do a lot of good in the garden by eating harmful insects.

At the very smallest, a pen can be about nine feet long by five feet wide, but I would prefer to see one much larger than this. You should wire the top as Hedgehogs can climb wire netting. But it will be difficult to do this with a large pen.

In the case of a large pen, I would suggest ½ inch wire netting three feet high, and then a one-foot downward overhang of 45°. A small pen need only be two feet high, with the top wired over, so that the Hedgehog cannot climb out.

You can sink the wire sides of the pen 18 inches under ground, or you can cover the whole bottom of the pen with wire netting. If you do this, it is best to place turf on top of this netting, as the Hedgehog will not then be walking on the netting, and grassy turf as a floor covering improves the look of the pen enormously.

Hutches of course are best made having two parts, one an open area with netting front where the food can be placed, but obviously roofed so that the food can be kept dry, and the other a weather-proof nest box filled with hay.

Just a nest box will do on its own if you do not want to use or make a complete hutch. Take care with the nest box so that it is completely free from damp in the winter.

A baby Hedgehog in a toy bath. Studying the behaviour of this pet can be great fun.

Feeding

SLUGS, worms, insects, such as beetles, form the diet of the wild Hedgehog. They are also said to eat mice and young birds that may have fallen from the nest.

For a pet in captivity, minced meat is a good food and oatmeal, also root vegetables, and of course bread and milk. Brown bread and milk is best.

I once kept a Hedgehog that was very fond of chicken's heads, and you can get this kind of thing from a butcher free. You should give as much insect life as possible, but do not worry if this is not easily obtained.

Fresh water should always be available, and this should be given in a dish that cannot be overturned. Hedgehogs like a good drink from time to time.

Hibernation

FROM late November onwards you can expect your pet to go to sleep for the winter. When this happens, never disturb it.

Once in a while it may wake up. Should this happen, your pet must be given a very good meal. Round about April your pet will wake up again, and then it will remain active for the rest of the year.

Handling

UNLESS your Hedgehog is tame it will probably put its prickles up in all directions and make it very uncomfortable for handling with bare hands.

It is much better to pick a Hedgehog up in gloved hands, rather than run the risk of being pricked, and then dropping it. This will hurt your pet.

Health

NEARLY all Hedgehogs are covered with fleas and ticks. These are a great nuisance, but often the worst can be cleared.

When handling your pet, be careful to wear gloves. A Hedgehog might roll into a ball and stick out its sharp spines at any time, without warning.

To do this you should use an insecticidal powder, and I think the best thing for you to do is get in touch with a vet and ask him what kind to use.

Good food and clean quarters should see you clear of health troubles, but when in doubt, go to a vet at once.

THE BAKERS' DOZEN

DAD BAKER AGE UNKNOWN
MUM BAKER NOT SO OLD AS DAD
NANCY 12 YRS.
HERBERT 11 YRS.
FREDDIES 10 YRS.
SUSY 9 YRS.
"LANKY" 8 YRS.
BILLY 7 YRS.
JILL AND JACK TWINS - BOTH 5.
"TOOFY" 2 YRS.
"BARKER" 3 YRS
"WHISKERS" 9 LIVES
SIR EDWARD 99 YRS

GOODNESS! IT'S FROM UNCLE WILLIAM ~ HE'S OVER ON A TRIP FROM CANADA ~ ARRIVING TONIGHT!

WE'LL HAVE TO TIDY THE HOUSE. YOU ALL MUST HELP!

I'LL MEET HIM AFTER OFFICE HOURS AND BRING HIM HOME. SEE EVERYTHING IS READY!

RIGHT! LET'S GET STARTED. NANCY, YOU DO THE DUSTING...

SUSY, YOU GO UP AND MAKE THE BEDS.

RIGHT, MUM!

OKAY, MUM!

LANKY DOES THE CLEANING...

HEY! WATCH IT, LANKY!

GINGER THE DISHES...

BILLY THE WINDOWS...

OOPS! SORRY, BARKER!

HERBERT THE SHOPPING.

THE TWINS GO FOR FLOWERS.

AND MUM, OF COURSE, DOES THE COOKING...

HOWDY, FOLKS, GUESS I DIDN'T GIVE YOU MUCH NOTICE!

WHO'S THIS BIG GUY, EH!

ME'S TOOFY, UNCLE!

SAY! ALL THE OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME HOW THEY HELPED MUM ~ WHAT DID YOU DO?

ME KEEP OUT OF HER WAY!

Another Bakers' Dozen laughter page next week!

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

FRANCIS had been to Africa and Palestine trying to secure peace in the Holy Wars. The friars at Assisi were very pleased to see their leader once again, when he returned.

BLESS THE LORD, YOU'RE ALIVE. WE HEARD AT FIRST YOU WERE A PRISONER IN THE SULTAN'S CAMP, THEN THEY SAID YOU HAD SUFFERED MARTYRDOM.

WHY ARE YOU ALL CELEBRATING?

OUR WAYS HAVE CHANGED. BROTHER ELIAS HAS ALTERED THINGS.

PLEASE TELL BROTHER ELIAS I WANT TO SEE HIM.

HE IS BUSY, FATHER FRANCIS. HE LEFT ORDERS NOT TO BE DISTURBED. HE'S WORKING ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

BOOKS, A GOLDEN CHALICE, ALL IN THE HOUSE OF POVERTY! WHO ACCEPTED ALL THIS?

I DID, FRANCIS. I FEEL THAT I CAN BETTER PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP. THINGS HAVE CHANGED... I WANT YOU TO READ AND SIGN THE NEW RULE I HAVE WORKED OUT.

OUR LORD HIMSELF DICTATED THE RULE... THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE OBEYED *WITHOUT INTERPRETATION!* HOW COULD YOU CHANGE THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL? I SHALL NOT SIGN!

AFTER THAT, FRANCIS LEFT THE BROTHERS AND DWELT IN A DIMLY LIT CAVE, ALONE AND IN POVERTY.

MY EYES... I CANNOT SEE TO WRITE!

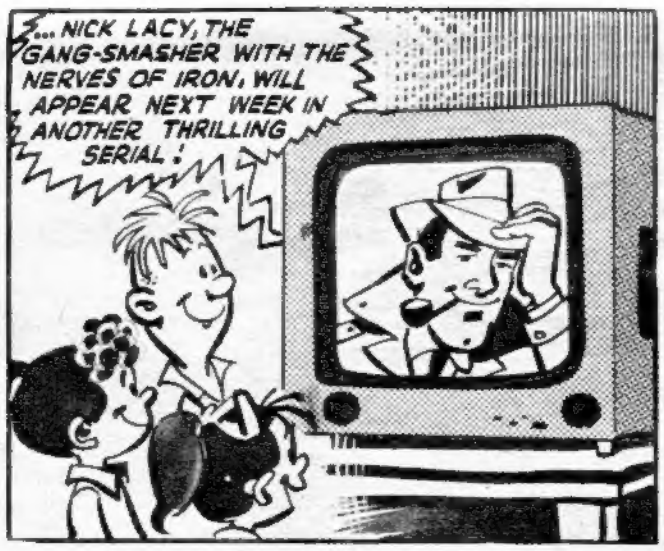
FRANCIS STAGGERED BLINDLY OUT TO THE CROSS HE HAD ERECTED OUTSIDE THE CAVE.

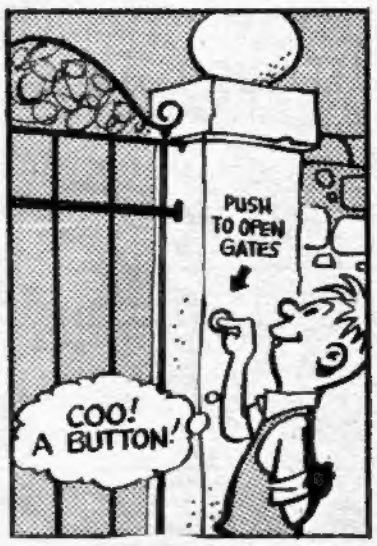
THEN FRANCIS COLLAPSED.

Freely adapted from the Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope film "Francis of Assisi."

Do not miss the conclusion of this serial next week!

The TV Terrors





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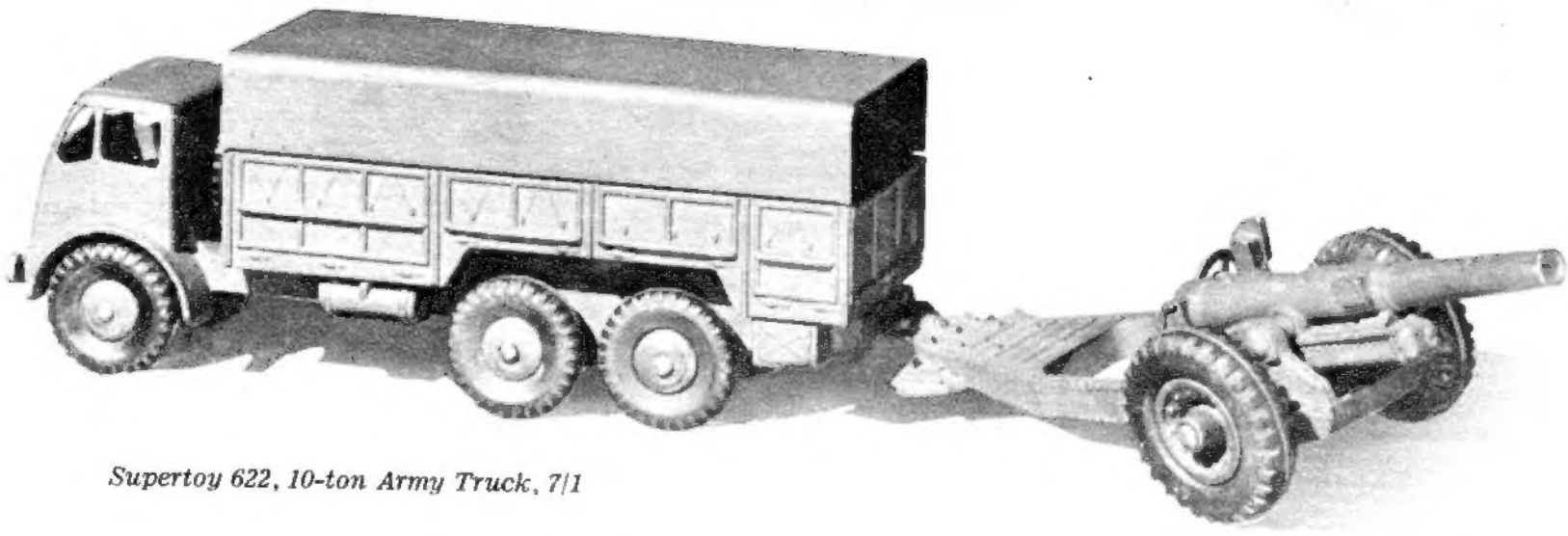

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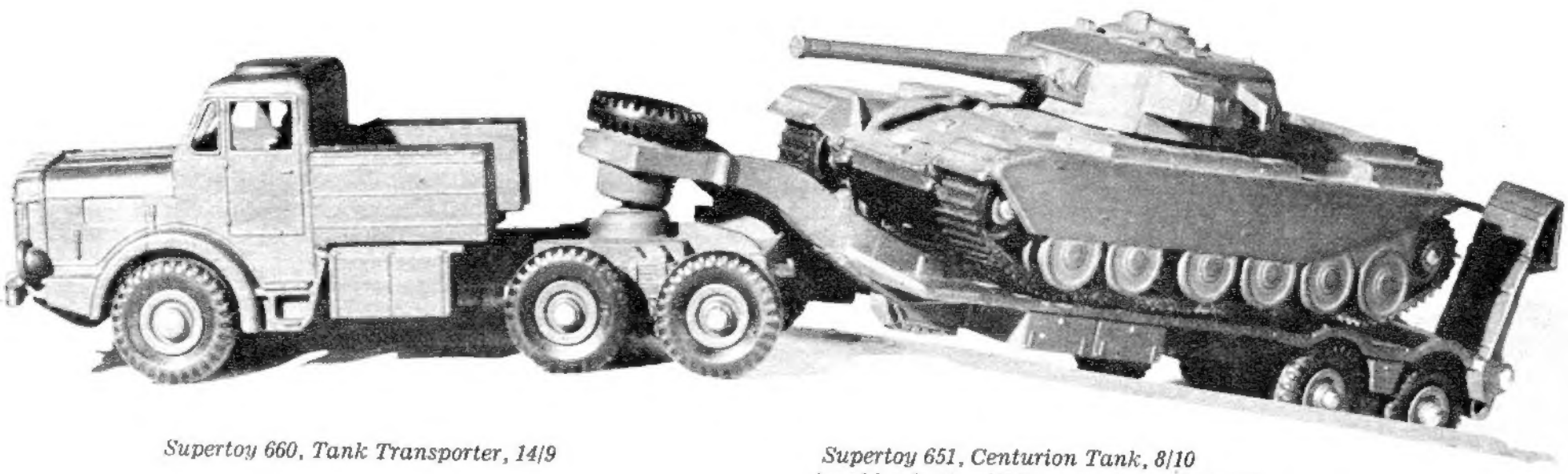

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The Secret Sign of the Ladybird Adventure Club

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1. The Ladybird Adventurers have tumbled over the edge of a cliff during a blizzard.

2. They land at the foot of a high stockade and quickly climb up it.

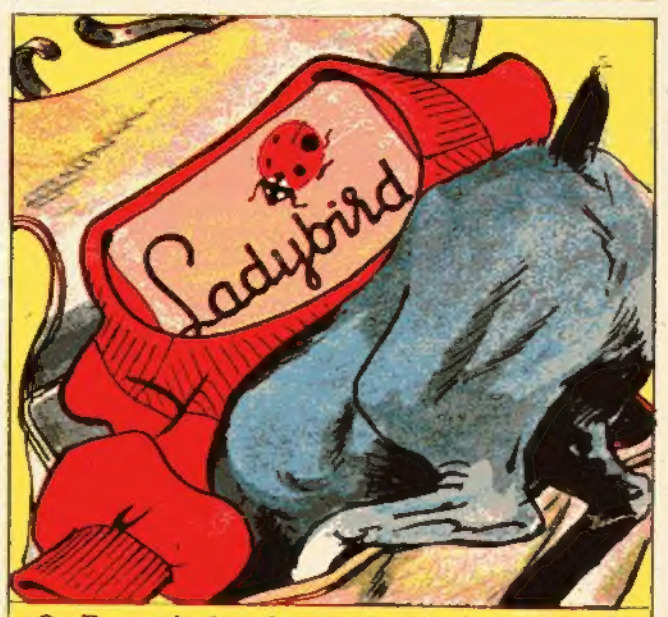
3. "It looks like a village. Perhaps we can get help here?"

4. But at this moment a savage dog rushes snarling at the Adventurers.

5. Peter prepares a trap: he removes most of the garments from his rucksack.

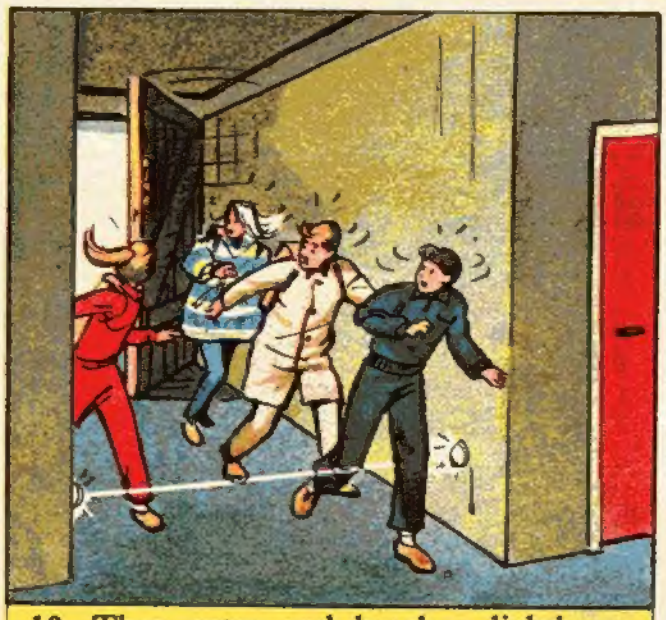
6. Then he fastens the straps into a single line and lowers it in front of the dog.

7. The dog is attracted by the bright sweater and dives headlong into the trap.

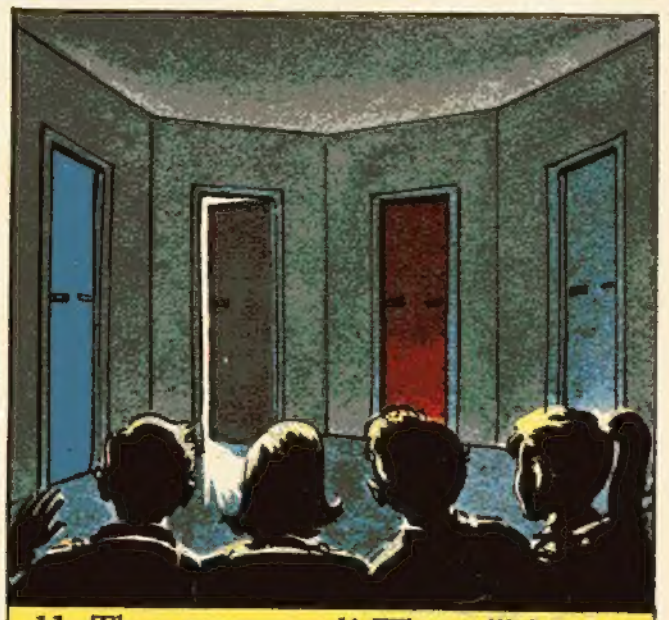


8. Peter jerks the rucksack into the air and the dog is left helpless.

9. Lowering themselves to the ground, they ran to an open doorway.



10. They enter and break a lightbeam which closes the door behind them.



11. They are trapped! What will happen to them now?